

Letter from Edward A. Fay to Alexander Graham Bell, July 9, 1872, with transcript

Copied from a collection of "Biographical Material" in "Dr. Bell's Room." Copy of a letter written to A. Graham Bell esq., Melville House, Brantford, Ontario, Canada, from Prof. E. A. Fay, Vice-President of the National Deaf-mute College, requesting Mr. Bell to give instruction in Visible Speech at the College. National Deaf Mute College, Washington, D. C. July 9, 1872 My dear Sir:

Shall you be in the United States at any time during the months of July, August or September? I should be glad to meet you, if possible, and make some arrangement with you for giving instruction in Visible Speech in this institution during the coming year — either for a limited time, as you have done at Northampton and Hartford, or for the whole scholastic year, having your normal class here instead of at Boston. The latter arrangement is the one which I think our directors would prefer. I shall be at Saratoga, N. Y. during the rest of this month (address P. O. Box 976) and at Brooklyn, N. Y. most of August and the first half of September (address 485 Henry St.). About the middle of August I shall make a short visit to Flint, Mich. If it will be convenient for you to meet me at any of these places or intermediate points, I think it will facilitate negotiations. If it is not convenient, I hope we shall be able to make the arrangement desired, by means of correspondence.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours respectfully and truly, E. A. Fay, Acting Pres.